

patient of chickenpox as it is transmitted from person-to-person through the air. The measures for control of Dengue & Malaria include :

- intensification of surveillance activities;
- vector control measures;
- strengthening of Hospital services for Proper management of cases;
- intensification of information, education and communication activities;
- Source reduction;
- Organisation of training programme and mass awareness campaigns by the local bodies.

An action plan for control of Malaria & Dengue has been drawn up and provided to all the state governments including Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

Uniformity in Education

5596. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the syllabus in education followed by different states is not common at all;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have chalked out any policy to introduce a common syllabus in education;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (d) The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (as adopted by both the Houses of Parliament) provides for a National System of Education which implies that, up to a given level, all students irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex have access to education of a comparable quality. It envisages a common educational Structure, which has resulted in acceptance of 10+2+3 structure almost all over the country. The NPE, visualises the National System of Education as one based on a National Curricular Framework containing a common core along with other components that are flexible.

Maintenance to a broad uniformity in all the schools of the country has been sought to be achieved by (i) making available to all the schools, a broadly uniform pattern of syllabi/textbooks designed on the basis of National Curricular Framework for elementary, secondary

and higher secondary education brought out by the NCERT and (ii) requiring all the schools sending their students for Board Examinations to be affiliated to the concerned State Boards, the CBSE or the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, as the case may be and thereby to follow the syllabi/textbooks prescribed by the respective Board designed on the basis of National Curricular Framework.

Damage of National Highways and Bridges

5597. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

- (a) the total extent of damage on National Highways and Bridges since June, 1996; and
- (b) the steps taken in this regard and also the funds sanctioned for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) There were extensive damages to National Highways and Bridges in 1996 on account of rains/floods. Due to resource constraints, repair estimates amounting to Rs. 57 crores only could be sanctioned. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 30 crores released during 1996-97.

Health Schemes

5598. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) the names and details of the health schemes started in North-Eastern Region States with the World Bank assistance, state-wise;
- (b) the extent to which the said schemes have proved to be successful, separately; and
- (c) whether the Government have taken steps to include more schemes for the World Bank assistance and what are those schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) and (b) The World Bank assisted India Population Project-IX is being implemented in the entire State of Assam w.e.f. 16th June, 1994 for a period of seven years at a total cost of Rs. 101.22 crores. The main objective of the project is to provide area specific Health and Family Welfare services to the rural population in the State of Assam to achieve reduction in birth rate and maternal and infant mortality levels.

(c) It is proposed to take up projects at the district level in the State of Manipur, Tripura and Mizoram as a part of the National Reproductive and Child Health Project with the assistance of the World Bank.